

## When to read?

Joshua and Judges are each a manageable length at 24 and 21 chapters respectively. To complete both books in the month it may be helpful to keep pace with the following:

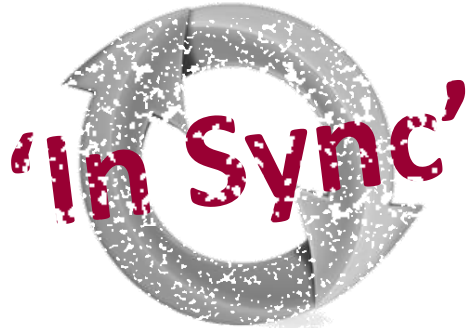
- Joshua 1-12 by Saturday 11<sup>th</sup>
- Joshua 13-24 by Saturday 18<sup>th</sup>
- Judges 1-12 by Saturday 25<sup>th</sup>
- Judges 13-21 by Friday 31<sup>st</sup>

## Memorisation suggestions

*'[The blessed man's] delight is in the law of the Lord, and on His law he meditates day and night' (Psalm 1:2)*

If you would like to memorise some passages from Joshua or Judges, you could consider picking from the following suggestions:

- Joshua 1 verses 6-9
- Joshua 21 verses 43-45  
(Key verse: 45)
- Joshua 24 verses 14-18  
(Key verses: 14-15)
- Judges 2 verses 16-23



# Joshua & Judges



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**Reading the Bible Together**

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## What is 'In Sync' Bible Reading?

'In Sync' is a chance for many of us to read the same Bible book through a month together. In January we are reading both **Joshua** and **Judges**.

### Why do we do this?

There are many possible advantages to reading together like this, including opportunities to:

- Begin Bible reading if we haven't before.
- Encourage each other with our different understanding and focus.
- Read with others such as family or friends.
- Spur one another on with good reading habits.
- Discuss a whole Bible book when we often focus on detail in our times of study together.

*'I meditate on your precepts and consider your ways. I delight in your decrees; I will not neglect your word.'* (Psalm 119:16)

### Questions to consider

Reading the Bible does not have to be an intellectual study. Anyone can read the Bible and by God's grace understand it. The main thing is that we pray for God's help as we read.

If you would like some questions to help you think over what you read then the Bible encourages us to ask questions such as the following:

1. What have I learnt about Jesus?
2. What does this teach me about humanity and myself?
3. What has most encouraged me from this book?

4. How does this teach me to love the Lord my God with all my heart, soul and mind? (Matt 22:37-40)
5. How does this teach me to love my neighbour as myself? (Matt 22:37-40)
6. Is there anything else I should learn here to be 'equipped for every good work' (2 Tim 3:17)

### Joshua & Judges: What can we expect?

In Genesis, God made promises to Abraham to create from him a people and to provide for those people a land in which to live.

In Joshua we see those promises coming to fulfilment as God's people enter and secure the promised land under the leadership of Joshua (whose name means 'The Lord saves'). In this Joshua is a picture of Jesus, albeit an imperfect picture.

As you read Joshua, you'll notice that the people have to fight hard for the land, but ultimately victory is in the hands of the Lord.

Judges goes on to show how God deals with an unfaithful and troubled people. Despite all that God has given them, they act consistently in the most godless ways. Therefore God brings judgment, but he does not abandon his people; God raises up deliverers (judges) and restores the people, at least for a time.

Judges highlights the need for a better ruler over God's people. The book is concerned with the absence of a king, and shows that the judges raised up to bring deliverance are flawed.

Joshua and Judges show us the need for a true and flawless judge, leader, deliverer, and king.

## Next month: Isaiah